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Application Number	10/730,309
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First Named Inventor	Mondragon-Parra et al.
Art Unit	3679
Examiner Name	Dunwoody, A.M.
Attorney Docket Number	DP-309838

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for One-Month Extension of Time

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17
- iii. ☒ Other Any additional fees
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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Dear Sir:

The Advisory Action dated 04/14/2005 has been received and carefully reviewed.
Please amend the application as set forth more fully below.

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